

REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments made to the claims and for the remarks made herein.

Claims 1-17 and 20-25 are pending.

Claims 1 and 21 stand rejected.

Claims 2-17, 20, and 22-25 are objected to.

Claims 1, 2, 10 and 21 are independent claims.

Claim 1 has been cancelled.

Claims 2, 10, 12, 15, 21 and 24 have been amended.

Claims 12 and 15 are objected to as being in improper form.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his observation and has amended claims 12 and 15 to remove the multiple dependency recited therein.

For the amendment to these claims applicant submits that the objection has been overcome and respectfully requests the objection be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 10, 21 and 24 and their respective dependent claims are objected to for including language that makes the claims unclear. But would be allowable if written as suggested by the Examiner.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter and the suggested amendments to the claims. After a review of the suggested amendments, applicant believes that the amendments recite the subject matter claimed in better form and has amended the claims in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

For the amendments made to the claims, applicant submits that all the remaining claims are in allowable form.

Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, for failing to distinctly claiming the subject matter regarded as the invention.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, applicant has amended claim 21 as suggested by the Examiner. Hence, the reason for the rejection is no longer relevant. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Petropoulos (USP no. 7,047,502).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection of the claim. However, in the interest of advancing the prosecution of this matter, applicant has elected to cancel claim 1 from further prosecution at this time. However, applicant is not making any statement regarding the patentability of claim 1 and is merely cancelling this claim to expedite the prosecution of this matter. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the cancelled claims in one or more continuing applications during the pendency of the instant application.

Applicant submits that all claims are in an allowable form and that the issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Although the last Office Action was made final, this amendment should be entered. The claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner, and reflect the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter. Accordingly, pursuant to MPEP 714.13, applicant's amendments should only require a cursory review by the examiner. The amendment therefore should be entered without requiring a showing under 37 CFR 1.116(b).

Should the Examiner believe that the disposition of any issues arising from this response may be best resolved by a telephone call, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

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